

Public Service Announcement

These are sad days for American democracy. Ohio congressman [Bob Ney](#) took bribes of tens of thousands of dollars in contributions and gifts. California congressman [Duke Cunningham](#) is in jail after forfeiting \$1.8 million in bribes. And Louisiana congressman [William Jefferson](#) is giving up \$1 million in bribes after [an FBI raid on his house found \\$90,000 in a freezer](#).

In these days of widespread corruption and bribery, it is important to remember that no, this is not how our great democracy is supposed to work. The bribery is supposed to be [much more subtle](#) — not to mention legal.

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